

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 1010
April 13, 2004

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office
MILLIS, Eric – Division of Water Resources
HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey
CANNING, Michael – Division of Wildlife Resources
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights
KAPPE, Karl – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
KEENE, Michael – Technology and Science
GEORGESON, Michael – DEQ/Division of Drinking Water
GRUBAUGH-LITTIG, Pamela – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
FISHER, Rand – DEQ/Division of Water Quality

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – GOPB/Department of Natural Resources
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management
HARJA, John – Department of Natural Resources
FARR, Brian – Governor's Office
TRIPP, Barry – Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

I. Approval of Minutes

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Changes were submitted from Walt Baker for the January 13, 2004 minutes. Walt Baker made a motion to approve the January minutes with changes he had submitted. Karl Kappe seconded motion. Michael Keene will submit revisions for the February 10, 2004 minutes. Kimm Harty made a motion to approve the February minutes and Pam Grubaugh-Littig seconded the motion. Karl Kappe, Kimm Harty and Walt Baker submitted changes, to the March 9, 2004 minutes. Karl Kappe moved to accept the minutes as amended. Michael Canning seconded the motion.

The minutes will provide a general summary of the meeting discussion. Please submit your changes in written format at the meeting.

II. Special Presentation/Discussion

Existing Uses on Jordan River – Barry Tripp and Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Karl Kappe and Barry Tripp would like to legitimize Murray City's existing uses on, above or beneath the Jordan River and bring them into compliance. Usually go through the Division of Water Rights regarding any stream alternations and the Division of Water Quality for any outfalls. There is no charge for general permits. Easements require a charge. Existing diversion structures are usually grandfathered.

Utah Lake Management Plan, Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, announced that the *Utah Lake Comprehensive Management Plan* process will begin July 2004. A “*Statement of Current Conditions and Trends*” will be prepared for public review and will include information about Utah Lake. Please provide a list subject headings and a list of any available information about Utah Lake that your agency would like to see in this document. Karl Kappe will identify and collect relevant information from state agencies and various other sources through May. The plan will follow the planning process that will be started in July 2004. A similar process was used in the development of the *Great Salt Lake Management Plan*. Public meetings probably will follow in fall/winter 2004.

III. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Pam Grubaugh-Littig, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, reported that the Deer Creek Mine is requesting to build a new facility. An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared and a permit will be required for the new portal into the mine. The existing portal lacked ventilation and several problems will be addressed. The big issue is that the portal is located in a riparian zone. The Abandoned Mine section has released a new DVD entitled “Stay Out and Stay Alive.” Please call Mark Mesch if you would like to use or obtain a copy.

The Oil and Gas section will be investigating a spill in the Duchesne County area.

Rand Fisher, Division of Water Quality, reported that a wastewater treatment plant digester exploded in Orem City.

The “303d List of Impaired Waters in Utah” was submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Statement of Interest is going out to characterized Farmington Bay and associated wetlands impacts to water quality and will include an assessment of new pollutants. Develop water quality numerical standards for the Great Salt Lake will be developed with interested parties.

Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, reported that the Utah Airboat Association has found debris recently exposed on the Great Salt Lake. The owners will be identified and required to remove the debris.

Bill Schlotthauer, Division of Water Rights, reported that a bill was signed to create a water two-year task force to review water rights issues and laws. A public meeting will be conducted with U.S. Geological Survey and Utah Geological Survey to discuss study results of the Kamas Valley document. The same studies will be completed for Cedar Mountain/Eagle Mountain/Fairfield areas and will be release in early summer.

Matthew Higdon, Bureau of Land Management, announced that the Draft Vernal Resource Management Plan (RMP) has been postponed for four months due to poor air quality data. The Draft Price RMP is in Washington and it should be completed soon. The Seismic Exploration Environmental Assessment (EA) in the vicinity Nine-Mile Canyon

EA Record of Decision was completed on March 19, 2004 and the appeal period ends April 19, 2004. Over 25,000 comments were received.

The West Tavaputs EA will be available in a few weeks and includes wells on state lands.

The Kanab RMP Notice of Intent was released on April 2, 2004.

There have been some statewide planning changes in land-use plan fire amendments. The overall process will be broad was altered in Washington. Additional detail will be required in state use plans. A handout was provided. Fire management issues will be included in the plan amendments. Jolie Pollet has been selected as the new project manager and fire specialist. The fire amendment included planning criteria and the Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register (PML #3917) on April 2, 2004. Public meetings will be held in June or July.

Glade Sowards, Utah Energy Office, announced that the Coal Report and a statistical abstract has been completed. The abstract will be completed every two years. Reports on petroleum, oil and natural gas, electricity and renewables will be prepared. Economic analysis for the Uintah Basin for oil and gas wells will be completed this year. Hard copies and electronic copies are available online. The online copies will updated throughout the year.

IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library

The following priority projects were discussed PMS #3917, #3925 and #3914. Please check priority items. Comments are needed for wild and scenic rivers, East Mountain access for a coal tract, and Muddy Creek tract is proposed for an environmental impact statement and the state, School and Institutional Trust Lands and Bureau of Land Management and opposed this broad premature issue. Comments are also needed for Mormon cricket and Dugway and other restricted areas environmental assessments for projects, studies and concerns.

John Harja, Carolyn Wright and Val Payne may be moving to the State Office building. RDCC will be managed by Robert Morgan and will report to Wes Curtis in the governor's office. RDCC is up for review in April 2004.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:58 a.m. The next meeting will be held on May 11, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 314.